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Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 20, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 19, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 6, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1878. mc29

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI HO.

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H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 20, 1878. mc27

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamer "KJOEBENHAVN," JERICHAU, Master, will be despatched for the above port To-morrow, the 26th inst., at 11 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, March 25, 1878. mc28

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWANFOO.

The Steamer "ALDAY."

Capt. F. ASBORN, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAK & CO.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878. mc27

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIODO.

The Steamer "OXFORDSHIRE"

will leave on or about 1st April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to TURNER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1878. mc27

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamer "BRAEMAR CASTLE," expected here on or about the 29th instant, will have immediate despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE DEPARTURE of the S. S. "CITY OF TOKIO" has been POSTPONED to THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at noon.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. mc29

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 German Ship "WEGA,"

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Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

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Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 24, China, German steamer, from Canton.

March 24, Kashgar, British steamer, 1515, E. J. Baker, Bombay March 5, Galie 10, Penang 15, and Singapore 18, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

March 24, Zamboanga, Spanish steamer, 651, Arancon, Haiphong March 21, Rice.—LANDSTEIN & CO.

March 24, Cassandra, German steamer, 937, W. Lange, Saigon March 19, Rice.—WM. FUSTAU & CO.

March 24, Orissa, British steamer, 1119, H. Jay, Bombay Feb. 25, via Penang and Singapore, General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

March 24, Cheang Hock Kian, British steamer, 956, F. Webb, Singapore March 16, General.—MAN HING CHAN.

March 24, Ulysses, British steamer, 1660, T. A. Guard, Shanghai March 20, Rice for Whampoa.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

March 24, Perim, British steamer, 1016, J. W. Linton, Kobe March 17, Rice and General.—T. G. LINSTEAD.

March 25, An-lan, Chinese R. C., from Canton.

March 25, Kitea, British steamer, 1506, George Lee, Shanghai March 22, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

March 25, Marion, British steamer, 642, Smith, Bangkok March 11, Rice—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

March 25, Caldera, British steamer, 1803, Robert E. Williams, Kobe March 18, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

March 25, Java, Dutch steamer, 886, B. S. Weber, Saigon March 18, Rice.—WM. PUSTAU & CO.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 24, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

24, China, for Shanghai via Ningpo.

24, Yangtze, for Shanghai via Stow.

24, Amoy, for Shanghai.

24, Norma, for Swatow.

24, Hesperia, for Canton.

24, Charon Wattana, for Bangkok.

24, Peng-chou-hai, for a cruise.

25, Nuevo Constante, for Manila.

25, Kaiser, for Manila.

25, Ulysses, for Whampoa.

25, Kua Shing, for Shanghai.

25, An-lan, Chi. R. C., for Hoihow.

25, Killarney, for Swatow.

Cleared.

Louise, for Haiphong.

Nicolaus, for Tientsin.

Cheang Hock Kian, for Swatow.

Laughing Wave, for Singapore.

Humboldt, for Manila.

Alceste, for Newchow.

Passengers.

Arrived.

Per Kashgar, for Hongkong: from Bombay, Mr. B. Cooverjee; from Southampton, Capt. J. G. Mead and 2 European servants, Lt. G. F. King Hall, Staff-surg. Laurentsen, and Mr. T. W. Dugdale; from Venice, Mr. J. Lauts; from Penang, 5 Chinese; from Singapore, 52 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Southampton, Chief-Justice French, Mr. T. Watters, and Mrs. Gaster; from Brindisi, Bishop Zanolli, Monsr. E. van Kessel, T. Durvens, B. Daniels, M. Hingers, P. Holter, and A. Brant; from Penang, Mr. J. A. Taylor; from Singapore, Mr. F. A. Moll; for Yokohama from Bombay, Monsr. R. W. Leyland, and Joyner.

Per Kitea, from Shanghai: for Venice, Mr. H. Herlitz for London, Mr. C. Zastour; for Hongkong, Monsr. A. E. Salter, G. McDonald, H. Moss, and 46 Chinese.

Per Cassandra, from Saigon, Mr. Galles, and 10 Chinese.

Per Caldera, from Kobe, Mr. Braces, and 1 Chinese.

Per Zamboanga, from Haiphong, 16 Chinese.

Per Orissa, from Straits, 47 Chinese.

Per Cheang Hock Kian, from Singapore, 626 Chinese.

Per Java, from Saigon, 5 Chinese.

Departed.

Per Douglas, for Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. Huber; for Amoy, Mr. J. Bruce; for Foochow, Rev. M. Gimeno, and Rev. Fermin Perez.

Per Noyne, for Sivew, 49 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Kashgar reports: to Singapore had very light weather, and thence to arrival strong N.E. winds.

The Spanish steamer Zamboanga reports: First part of passage had thick foggy weather, latter part moderate monsoon and fine weather.

The British steamer Cheang Hock Kian reports: Fresh monsoon and fine clear weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Ulysses reports: First part calms and hazy weather, middle and latter part of passage moderate N.E. wind, fine and clear weather and smooth water until arrival here.

The British steamer Perim reports: Fine weather to North end of Formosa, thence strong N.E. monsoon with rains to Chapel Island, and from thence light winds and hazy to port. Passed H.M.S. Juno on 20th inst, standing E.N.E. under steam.

The British steamer Marion reports: Strong monsoon from Pulo Obi, to Padar straits current.

The Dutch steamer Java reports: N.E. winds throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—Per Kashgar, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst. Late letters received from 9.10 to 9.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For SHANGHAI.—Per Kjebenhavn, at 10.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per barque W. E. Gladstone, at 8 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For SAIGON.—Per Altona, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst. Instead of previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND TAIWAN.—Per Alay, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 26th inst.

For HAIPHONG AND HANOI.—Per Zamboanga, at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 27th inst.</p

pany at Glasgow. The capital of the company £300,000 of which £17,000 represent the price of Mr. Liddell's tea garden at Neddleworth, estimated to cover 1,600 acres of which several hundred acres are in a forward state and ready for plucking. The balance of £13,000 will be the working capital of the company, which is promised excellent returns, six per cent., in the following two years, and larger profits as the estates age. We notice the formation of this company as an indication of the estimation in which tea property continues to be held, notwithstanding the low quotation for the Indian article at the recent sales both at Home and in Calcutta. To Mr. Liddell the planting community is indebted for awakening interest and confidence abroad in investments of this description. Various reasons have been urged to account for the recent fall in prices of Indian teas. The London brokers and middle men have had no inconsiderable share in this result, but while holding them not altogether blameless, we are of opinion, that the tea planter himself must be credited with much of the depreciation. We cannot believe that a really good tea will fail to realize a good price.

Caroleesness in manufacture, resulting in a large admixture in the consignments of burnt tea, has doubtless operated against the ready and profitable sale of Indian teas. The low prices and tardy sales of the last season's crop ought to induce our planting friends to devote more attention to the various processes of manufacture by which they will be able to turn out a really first class article. Mr. Liddell's company will not probably be the only one that will be formed this year, others will come into existence, and we hope that vested interests will bring pressure to bear on the Home authorities, and thus compel the Indian Government to remove the restrictions which it has thought fit to impose upon the acquisition of land in Southern India.—*South of India Observer*.

(London & China Express, Feb. 15.)

In the House of Commons on the 11th Feb. in answer to Mr. M. Stewart, Lord G. Hamilton said the reply of the Indian Government with reference to the Chefoo Convention had been received and would be laid on the table of the House.

The first Levée of the season was held by the Prince of Wales on the 9th inst., at St. James's Palace. Presentations were considered as equivalent to those made to Her Majesty. The Diplomatic Circle at the Levée was attended by the Chinese and Japanese Ministers. Sir Thomas Wade was also present.

It is probable that Vice-Admiral Ryder will be offered the post of Naval Commandant at Devonport.

Vice-Admiral Shadwell's term of office as President of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich will only last for one year.

It will be of interest to China readers to note the rapid promotion of Captain D. B. Burn, erstwhile aide-de-camp to General Whitfield, while in command in Hong Kong. Leaving, about two years ago, the 17th (Stirlingshire) Regiment, he joined the 18th Hussars, and is already half-way up the list of captains.

The last mail from Peru announces that the first steamer from Hong Kong with Chinese emigrant labourers under the new rules is expected to arrive at Callao early in March. The Peruvian planters entertain great hopes of success from this emigration. In the face of the discussion carried on in these columns regarding the obstructions placed by the Hongkong Government in the way of the despatch of the *Str. Peruia*, this is news indeed, coming from such a source.—*Ed. C. M.*

The *Hannah Law* from Hongkong to New York, was abandoned January 24th, ninety miles from port; the crew were saved by the *Minnahala*, and landed at Yarmouth, N.S., on the 23th.

As it is customary on regiments going into active service for officers attached to them, but holding staff appointments, to be ordered to resign; it is likely that Captain Huskisson, 80th (Staffordshire Volunteers) Regiment, will have to vacate his present berth of aide-de-camp to Lieut-General Sir F. Colborne, at Hongkong, and proceed to the Cape.

The subscriptions for the "China Famine Fund" paid into the Agra Bank now amount to £250, including £160 from Mr Hanbury. The sum of £1,250 has been transmitted by telegram to the Shanghai Committee. The London Committee is not yet announced.

The return of Sir Thomas Wade to Peking has been for some time doubtful, but we understand that it is now decided that he will resume his post in the autumn. Mr. Fraser will continue to discharge the duties at Peking as Chargé d'Affaires.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice SOWDEN.)

25th March, 1878.

A NEW TRIAL BY SPECIAL JURY.

Ashburn v. Hang Yia, £700.

This was an action on an agreement arising out of a charter party. The plaintiff is the master of the British barque *Evening Star*, and the defendants merchants in the Colony. In the month of July the defendants chartered the plaintiff's vessel to go to a place in Annan called *Lao-Kouen*. The vessel arrived in August last at a place which was marked in the chart prior to the departure of the vessel from this place. A supercargo, as usual, was placed on board to look after the interest of the charterer, but on arrival at the place indicated on the map, the charterer said it was not the place they wanted to go to, and asked the Captain to go elsewhere. The plaintiff declined to do so unless he was paid £700 for additional expenses. This was agreed to by the supercargo and an endorsement to that effect was made on the original charter party. This was found to be a wrong place also, and the charterer refused to pay the £700. An action was brought, and judgment was given in favour of the plaintiff. The defendants appealed against this decision before the full Court. Chief Justice Sir John Smale, failing in effecting a compromise, ordered a new trial of the case. It was this new trial that came before the Court to day.

Mr. Toller appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hayllar, Q. C., instructed by Mr. Brenton, for the defendants.

The following special jury of three was empanelled:—Messrs. W. Reiners, J. G. T. Bassell, and J. M. Forbes, Jr.

At the outset of the case Mr. Hayllar applied for security for costs, as the plaintiff was absent from the Colony.

Mr. Toller said it was unusual for a successful litigant in an original suit to give

security for costs on a new trial applied for by the defendant.

After brief argument Mr. Hayllar, quoting the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code, the Court thought the application was reasonable.

Mr. Toller said if that was the opinion of the Court he would give his personal security for the costs. He then proceeded with a narration of the facts of the case. He observed that as the plaintiff was now absent, all he could tender in the shape of evidence would be the documents. He proposed to put in an affidavit, which the plaintiff made in Manila.

Mr. Hayllar objected to its admission, as in view of the issue raised, it was absolutely necessary that the plaintiff should be examined *sic et ecca*.

After hearing Mr. Hayllar's argument in support of this objection, the Court allowed it. The plaintiff must either appear in person or have his evidence taken by commission at Manila.

Mr. Toller observed that if that was the ruling, it was practically denying justice to the plaintiff.

His Lordship said he was very sorry for it.

The case was then adjourned sine die.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

26th March, 1878.

LAWCOURT.

John Toole, private H. M. 74th Regt., was charged with the above offence under the following circumstances. The complainant, John Phillips, a corporal in the same regiment, stated that the defendant's bed was in the same barrack room with his. At 6.30 p.m. on the 22nd instant, he put £8 notes, and two gold rings into his pillow case. The defendant was on the Defaulters' List and had to answer to his name every half hour. At 1 p.m. the defendant was found to be absent, and complainant had to take a picquet out to find him, but failed. At 5.30 a.m. on the 23rd the complainant found that he had lost the £1 notes and gold rings. A report was made to the Police and the defendant was arrested. The two gold rings and five of the notes were found on him and identified. Inspector Lindsey proved the arrest of the defendant in brothel No. 76. The defendant had nothing to say and was sent to three months' hard labour.

MALICIOUS INJURY.

Frederick Wm. Stratford, seaman S.S. *Marcia*, was charged with cutting the ropes of the tackle falls by the sides of the steamer, and throwing the same overboard. He did so because the Captain had refused to advance money to him. Fined £25, or one month's imprisonment.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Inspector Grimes charged Cheung Aleung, a boatman, with having two bags pepper and cloves in his boat, which, moreover, was not licensed. The defendant said he got the things from a junk, which had left the Colony. Remanded till to-morrow at noon.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Chan Ashing, a coolie, was charged with gambling in a house in Gilman Bazaar (No. 22). As the Police broke into the house with a warrant he jumped out of the window and fractured his leg. Remanded till 1st April.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Kashgar*, Captain E. J. Baker, arrived here yesterday morning, with the London mails to Feb. 15th.

(Straits Times Extra.)

Madras, March 2.—Mr. John Miller, Administrator-General, died this morning of typhoid fever. He was the leading member of the bar and District Grand Master of the Freemasons in this Presidency.

Calcutta, March 8.—Yesterday evening a public meeting was held in the Town Hall under the auspices of the British India Association for the purpose of considering the propriety of a petition to Parliament on the subject of Indian expenditure and taxation. About 700 persons were present, nearly all natives. Resolutions were passed declaring the possibility of meeting all necessary State and famine expenditure by judicious retrenchments and economical administration without further taxation. The home military charges and outlay on public works were especially condemned. It was resolved to petition both Houses of Parliament. A committee of natives was appointed to carry out the resolution.

Rome, March 8.—Owing to strong representations from the Catholic Powers, Cardinal Simeoni has resigned and Cardinal Franchi has been appointed Pontifical Secretary of State in his place.

London, March 4.—The treaty of peace between Russia and Turkey has been signed, Russia having renounced the claim to the tribute paid by Bulgaria and Egypt to the Porte. An agreement on all points has been arrived at and the treaty of peace is expected to be signed to-night. Earl Cadogan has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Colonial Department and Viscount Bury Under-Secretary of State for War vice Earl Cadogan. The port of Salonic is not comprised in the new Bulgarian State, but Kustendje, Varna and Bourg (query Burg) are comprised. The indemnity of forty million pounds sterling in bonds is reduced to twelve millions.

London, March 5.—In the House of Lords last night, the Earl of Derby replying to a question, said the cession of the Turkish fleet was not included in the Russian conditions of peace. In the House of Commons Mr. Gathorne Hardy, in presenting his Army estimates, said our Army was in excellent condition, and numbers 110,000 men, besides 400,000 auxiliaries. Only the preliminaries of peace have been signed. The definitive treaty of peace will be drafted at St. Petersburg. The fortress of Erzerum is to be restored to the Russians. The question of the passage of the Dardanelles is to be reserved for discussion hereafter.

London, March 6.—The idea of a European Congress instead of a Conference, is again dominant, as being more likely to lead to a common accord. The treaty of

peace stipulates that the ratifications shall be made at St. Petersburg before the expiration of a fortnight. Russia claims a war indemnity of 1,410 million roubles from Turkey, of which sum a cession of territory in Armenia represents 1,100 million roubles.

London, March 6.—The 310 millions of roubles, balance of 1,410 million roubles demanded by Russia in the revised peace conditions, after allowing 1,100 millions for the cession of territory in Armenia, are payable to the Russian Government in cash. The occupation of Erzerum and Trebizonde is not mentioned in the conditions, but the Russian troops, when returning from Armenia, are to embark at Trebizonde. As regard Bulgaria, the terms are the same as previously stated—namely, that the Russian Commission shall superintend the new tributary State for two years, whilst 50,000 Russian troops occupy it for the same period. The Russians are to evacuate European Turkey in three months, and Asiatic Turkey in six months. Reuter's special correspondent at Constantinople stated that the Porte sanctions the Russian troops remaining at St. Stefano while the British Squadron is in the Sea of Marmora. It is expected that the European Congress will be held at Berlin instead of the proposed Conference at Baden-Baden, and that Prince Bismarck will be present.

Rome, March 7.—The Italian Legislature was opened to-day by the King in person. His Majesty, in his speech from the throne, promised to uphold Italian unity.

London, March 8.—A long debate took place in the House of Lords last night. The Earl of Derby, who took part in it, said the Treaty of Paris of 1856, which was revised in 1871, had ceased to exist, but was, however, binding until Europe sanctioned a substitute. He hoped that the Conference would effect a European and not a Russian settlement only of the question. The task, the noble Earl said, would be a difficult one, and the issue was uncertain. General Ignatoff and Reouff Pasha start to-morrow for St. Petersburg. It is generally hoped that the Czar will make further concessions in the conditions of peace.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

We are informed that, in compliance with a memorial from the Tsungli Yamen, the Emperor has conferred on all Commissioners of Customs the third rank in the Civil Service, and on Acting Commissioners the fourth rank, a measure that will facilitate their intercourse with native officials.

We hear that, on and from Monday next the C.M.S.N. Co. intend going back to the old rates of freight on the Ningpo route. The junk *King-Ching-Ho*, sunk in collision with the steamer *Ningpo*, has been raised by Messrs. Boyd & Co., and successfully floated to a safe position on the mud near their dock. It is said the junk is badly injured, but that the steamer must also have had a narrow escape from serious damage.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co.'s steamer *West Star*, which had been for some days ashore at Plover Point, in the Yangtsze, was got off at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and proceeding to once down the river, anchored at Woosung. She had luckily received no damage, and has since proceeded on her voyage to Canton.

We presume something will be made of the ex-railway line, eventually. But the experiments being made upon it are, in the meantime, scarcely less trying than those to which the plant is being subjected in Formosa. The local authorities have had a quantity of soil placed on the metal ballast, under the impression apparently that they have thereby converted it—not into a ploughed field, but into a foreign road. Of course it is rather premature to speak of their ultimate design, as the workmen are at present simply digging soil from the waste ground and piling it up in heaps on the line, while many mandarins in full costume look approvingly on. As they can scarcely be doing this with the idea of making the road impassable, we must surmise that the idea is to eventually raise it smooth, and declare the result a road. We would venture, however, to suggest that it is not quite all that is needed to make a road; and we do hope that, while they are about it, the authorities will go a little farther and make a good job of the thing. It is so gratifying to see a disposition to make a road at all, that we are far from desiring to carp at what is being done. We are only anxious that the money and the land should not be alike wasted, but that what is done should be well done, and not made an impassable slough.

The following details have been received at St. Petersburg from Taskhend, respecting the capture of Kashgar:—

"When the Chinese General appeared within sight of Aksu last September, the Dungan inhabitants immediately manifested a desire to surrender; and although the city was strongly fortified and could have resisted the enemy many months, a capitulation was at once agreed on. Whether the negotiations were carried on directly between the people and Tao-tsoum-tsun, or whether, as is more probable, the Chinese general took advantage of the desire for peace on the part of the inhabitants to accept the Chinese bribe to give up the fortress, is not yet authoritatively stated. At any rate the key of Kashgar surrendered without striking a blow, and immediately after the entry of Tao-tsoum-tsun the city was given over for plunder. For several days scenes of the most frightful description ensued, and the atrocities were only suspended when it became apparent to the Chinese General that the place, which on account of its resources he had chosen for his headquarters, would become utterly depopulated if the excesses of his soldiers were not arrested. Several thousand of the people fled to the Russian frontier, where they received assistance from the Russian authorities. A few days after, the Chinese army, 20,000 strong, set out for Kashgar, accompanied by 15,000 Dungans. On its way it was met by a deputation from the town of Toufan, submitting the place to the Chinese. At Kotsan a similar desire prevailed, but the Chinese General, instead of directing his steps towards it, as had originally been intended, when he heard a rumour that Bek Kuli Bak was there, proceeded direct to Kashgar. No opposition was encountered on the way, and on his arrival the city capitulated without firing a shot. Bek Kuli Bak fled, nobody knows whither. His wife and family sought refuge on Russian territory. Two thousand Kashgarians also fled to the frontier where they were disarmed by the Russian authorities. Among them were four Turkish officers who had been sent by the Sultan to drill the forces of Yakoob Beg. Yarkand and Kotsan are the only two Kashgarian towns remaining to be occupied by the victorious Chinese. The fall of the latter is imminent, and the former will not long afford a shelter to the Emir, who is supposed to have fled there with a few of his followers.

A correspondent writes:—The notice in your paper to the effect that the Emperor of China had conferred on Commissioners of Customs the third rank in the Civil Service, &c., is not quite correct. What has been done is, a Civil button of the third rank has been conferred on Commissioners of Customs, and a Civil button of the 4th class on Acting Commissioners. The two things are very different. The acting Taotai here is, I believe, only of the 6th Civil Service rank (officially during tenure of Taotai), he is of 4th rank, but this rank is only Brigadier, yet he has had conferred on him a Civil button of the 1st rank. Chen is of the 6th or 7th Civil Service rank, and has had conferred on him a button of the 3rd rank. A notice in the *Gazette* of the change of rank would have to be memorialized about by the Board of Civil Appointments, in conjunction with the Board of Rites, and have to be Gazetted. The conferring of a button can be done without appearing in the *Gazette*. A Commissioner of Customs is still as he was before, as I make it out; but he has now the permission to wear a button of the 3rd class.

It is reported that Lin, the present Chinese Representative at Berlin, is to be recalled, and his place taken by Li Fung-pao, a mandarin who accompanied M. Ciquel to Europe in charge of the Naval students. The rumour goes that Liu has been rather antagonistic to Kwoh, and has depreciated the former's frank and truthful reports as too favourable to foreigners. This has naturally weakened the effect of the former's despatches, and if the rumour is true we shall be glad to hail Liu's recall as evidence that his influence is failing.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—Prince Gortchakoff has sent a telegram to the Russian Ambassador at the principal European capitals, stating that in consequence of the British Government having determined to send a portion of its fleet to Constantinople, and other Powers having also resolved to send their ships of war thither for the protection of their subjects, Russia is obliged to consider the proper means of protecting those Christians whose life and property might be threatened, and to that end the entry of a portion of the Russian troops into Constantinople is directed. Orders have accordingly been sent to the Grand Duke Nicholas. The report as to the arrival of the English ships at Constantinople was premature. They have returned to Besika Bay, as the Porte has, up to the present time, refused the issue of the necessary firman to enable them to pass through the Straits. In the House of Lords, last evening, the Earl of Beaconsfield said that the Government had no information with respect to numbers of Russian marines having crossed the Balkans for the purpose of manning Turkish ships of war; and the Earl of Derby said that some delay had arisen in sending the fleet up to Constantinople, but that he had no doubt the difficulty would be speedily removed. Austria has applied to the Porte for authority to pass through the Dardanelles, but the French Government have resolved not to send their ships to the Bosphorus. Complaints have been made by the Greek Patriarch to the Turkish Parliament of massacres perpetrated by Circassians in thirteen Greek villages in the neighbourhood of Constantinople. As to the rumour of a secret alliance between Russia and the Porte, which is so emphatically denied at Berlin, the Vienna Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* observes that it is clear that no special treaty need be signed, the Porte being so completely at the mercy of Russia that resistance of any kind is completely out of the question, and if Russia chooses to dictate to the Sultan a declaration of war against England, he will be forced to sign it.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.—Direct communication by telegraph with Constantinople has been restored. Safet Pacha left the capital yesterday morning en route for Adrianople to settle the final terms of peace. The English fleet is still awaiting orders. The official statement is made in St. Petersburg respecting the occupation of Bessarabia to Russia. Free commercial intercourse by land and sea is to be established again between Turkey and Russia. The Grand Duke Nicholas has expressed his satisfaction at the stoppage of the fleet.

In the Turkish Parliament several deputies urged the Premier to "act with consideration towards England in dealing with the question of the passage of the Dardanelles." A telegram from Vienna says that Austria does not object to the retrocession of the Roumanian portion of Bessarabia. According to a telegram of yesterday's date from Pula, the Austrian transport *Kaiser Max* was to leave for the Levant; the iron clad *Habsburg*, with Rear-Admiral Barry on board, being expected to follow to-day. Both at

Mails.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
KHIVA, Captain G. LEE, will leave this
on THURSDAY, the 28th March at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 14, 1878. apd

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF
TOKIO* will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY,
the 28th instant, at Noon, taking Pass-
engers, and Freight, for Japan, the United
States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama, and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
AND MEMBERS of the CIVIL and
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of 27th instant, on board until
5 p.m. same day, at the office until 5 p.m.
Parcel Packages should be marked,
address in full; value of same
is required.

Consumer Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to
the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 26, 1878. apd

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSILLES;

Also,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th April,
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
AN D'YR, Commandant MORNAU,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 3rd April, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. apd

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
CHINAPACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE E. E. "GAELIC" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yok-
ohama, on TUESDAY, the 9th April,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 8th April. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
and 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the Army and Navy and to
Members of the Civil and Consular
Services.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 18, 1878. apd

Intimations.

ESTATE OF DODD & CO.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs. Dodd, & Co.'s
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd
& Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND
PRE be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the
order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
Dodd & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A THIRD RETURN of CAPITAL and
INTEREST at the Rate of FIVE
TAELS per SHARE will be made to Share-
holders of Record on the 28th February,
Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on
the 8th March.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders, or their lawful
representatives, on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th
March inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, February 28, 1878. apd

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE
Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100
characters, and one cent a character
beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and
half price for repetitions during the first
week. Subsequent weekly insertions will
be charged only one half the amount of the
first week's charge. Advertisements for
half a year and longer will be allowed a
deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,
and contracts for more favourable terms
can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish
Agents for circulating the *Chinese Mail* in
the ports and in the interior of China, all
the ports in Japan, in Sagon, Singapore,
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru
and other places which Chinese frequent.
When the list of Agencies is completed,
it will be published. Agents have been
already established in most of the above
places, and in important ports more than
one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,
Manager,
Hongkong, February 28, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current
at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or
Coals in Mashes, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARTHUR, KARBERG & CO.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1878. apd

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 18, 1878. apd

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
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